

In Loving Memory Of



Mr. Clifus Ray Pickens

Born: October 15, 1940
Died: September 15, 1989



Obituary

Clifus Ray Pickens was born October 15, 1940, in the city of Quinlan, Texas, to O. D. and Eliza Pickens. The Pickens family moved to Fresno, California in 1944. At an early age he was a devoted Sunday School Student at his family church, Fresno Temple Church of God in Christ. Clifus was an excellent athlete in basketball, track and field, receiving numerous trophies and awards in his athletic endeavors. He attended Columbia Elementary School and graduated from Edison High and attended Fresno City College. Clifus Pickens served his country by enlisting in the United States Airforce, receiving an Honorable Discharge.

Clifus loved the Fresno Community and returned to Fresno from the Northern California area, after a disabling illness to live the remainder of his life among family and dear friends. He took a strong interest in civic and social concerns, performing volunteer community services and participating in the Rotary of his home town.

Clifus will be deeply missed by the community he loved so deeply. Never the less we pray...*"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw not when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; Lord, strengthen our faith for all seasons. Teach us that in times of sorrow, our Redeemer lives and stands with us."*

Clifus Pickens departed this life, September 15, 1989, at the age of 48 years. He leaves to mourn his passing: his loving mother - Evangelist Eliza Pickens of Fresno, CA; three daughters - Denita Lorraine Pickens of Vacaville, CA; Cynthia Elaine Pickens of Sacramento, CA. and Adrena Michelle Pickens of Fresno, CA.; one granddaughter; 2 brothers - Dwight W. Pickens and Larkus Pickens both of Oakland, CA; 4 sisters - Carrie Lee Muccular of Richmond, CA., Sarah Pickens of Fresno, CA., Evangelist Elizzem (Liz) Wilson of Goleta, CA., and Virginia Edwards of Richmond, CA.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Services

Friday, September 22, 1989
10:00 A. M.

St. Rest Baptist Church
Fresno, California

Order of Service

Master of Ceremonies

Minister: Gary Muccular

Alternate: Evangelists Liz Wilson

All Music Provided by Pickens Family

Processional

Song.....Choir, Pickens' Family and Friends

ScriptureOld Testament - Elder Samuel Watkins
New Testament - Minister Steve Watkins

Prayer.....Elder A. Scott

DuetPat & Vodie McCullen

Acknowledgment of

Condolences & TelegramsMrs. Shirley Brown

Remarks & Reflections Of The Past.....(3 mins. each)

SoloMs. Dorothy Pickens

Obituary.....Ms. Evelyn Smith

Special Solo.....Bro. Lawrence Hill

EulogyElder Dr. William Hill,
Brother-In-Law of Clifus
Pastor, Los Angeles, CA

Viewing of Remains

Recessional

Pallbearers

Mr. John Green, Jr.
Mr. Harry Miller
Mr. Johnny McCarty

Mr. Charles D. Jones
Mr. Billie Muccular
Dwight Pickens, Jr.

THE FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES ALL
VEHICLES IN THE FUNERAL PROCESSION TO:

1. Turn on their headlights and emergency flashers.
2. To obey the traffic signs and signals when motorcycle escort is not in the intersection controlling the cross traffic.

The Pickens family would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of kindness that have been shown to them during their hour of bereavement. The Pickens' family will acknowledge everyone at a later time individually.

Sincerely With Love, The Family

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. 'LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.'

The LORD replied, 'My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.'

Interment

Military Rites

Lemoore Naval Base

Funeral Detail

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

Fresno, CA

Quiet Hour

7:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 22, 1989

Chapel, Sterling Funeral Home, Inc.

Fresno, CA

Services Conducted By:

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